3. Education and awareness programmes have been conducted to promote conservation of dolphins at more than 1000 locations along the river banks. Chilka Development Authority has also conducted awareness programmes involving Non Government Organisations (NGOs) for fishermen in Chilka area.

Organisations engaged in environment improvement

†377. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of organisations engaged in improvement of environment getting foreign aid;

(b) whether Government have received any complaint regarding activities of these organisations;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Investment in FPIs

†378. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report of the survey conducted by National Council for Applied Economic Research regarding the investment required for Food Processsing Industry in the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the total estimated amount of capital required as per the report;

(c) whether Government have expressed its concurrence with the said amount; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if not, what is Government's assessment in this regard alongwith the arrangement considered by it for the said investment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries got a study conducted by the National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) regarding the performance and prospects of food processing industries in India. The NCAER Report projected an investment of Rs. 92,208 crores in different food processing industries at a GDP growth rate of 8% during the Tenth Five Year Plan. The Ministry's policy is to create an enabling environment to leverage such investments from both domestic and foreign investors. An outlay of Rs. 650 crores has been earmarked for the Plan Schemes of the Ministry for the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Wastage of fruits and vegetables

379. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) how much fruits and vegetables have wasted in the country due to non-availability of processing facilities during the last three years, State-wise and commodity-wise;

(b) what is the main cause for this wastage of food commodities; and

(c) what are the plans of Government for optimum utilization of fruits and vegetables?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) Government of India constituted a Working Group on Post Harvest Management, Marketing and Exports in 1995. This Group estimated that post harvest losses in different crops range from 8% to 37%. These losses occur during different stages after harvest. The Indian Institute of Horticultural Research has assessed that losses occur at different stages like harvesting, transport, storage, processing & packing and marketing etc.

Details of losses in various stages, State and commodity-wise, are not available.